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To: State Homeland Security Grants Local Points of Contact

From: John J. Barthelmes, Commissioner 

Re: Announcement of FFY 2008 Competitive Local Grant Application Period

I am pleased to announce the receipt of the FY 2008 Homeland Security Grant issued by the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency). It is the desire of Governor Lynch and the 2008 Homeland Security Grant Review Committee, comprised of members from law enforcement, fire service, EMS and key State agencies, to allocate a portion of the grant on a competitive basis to locals with strict alignment with the National Priorities. Membership of the 2008 Grant Review Committee and grant allocation plan can be accessed at our webpage:

<http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/homeland/homelandgrants.html>

Grant applications and time lines will be issued by November 1, 2008 for the open categories of funding.

The FFY 2008 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) has several significant changes. NH has experienced another reduction in funding. Congress adjusted the funding level and the allocation formula **nationally** to facilitate the allocation and application of resources to generate the highest return on the National investment in order to strengthen National preparedness in the most effective and efficient manner. Key changes include:

- Continuing to narrow focus through risk-based-funding and capabilities-based-planning
- At least 25% of total 2008 funding must be dedicated to: Strengthening preparedness planning or Strengthening improvised explosive device attack deterrence, prevention, and protection capabilities.
- There is no longer a separate LETPP Law Enforcement funding set aside. Per Congressional language: 25% of the total State allocation is to be dedicated toward these efforts. The emphasis is to be on implementing programs such as enhancing public and private sector IED awareness and reducing critical infrastructure/key resource and soft target explosive attack vulnerabilities.

The focus on National Priorities is still a hallmark of the program intent:

- Assisting in the prioritization of the protection of critical infrastructure and key resources
- Regionalization of prevention, protection, response and recovery efforts
- Radio Interoperability
- Intelligence gathering, analysis and information sharing techniques
- National Incident Management System (NIMS)
- CBRNE detection, response, recovery and decontamination
- Strengthening of medical surge and mass prophylaxis capabilities.

We look forward to assisting you with the 2008 Homeland grant process. Please contact the Grants Management Unit at 271-7663 for more information, or you can e-mail your questions and comments to [homelandgrants@safety.state.nh.us](mailto:homelandgrants@safety.state.nh.us).